Forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday: Virginia-Fair, continued low tempera-ture Tuesday and Wednesday, high north-

WEATHER FORECAST.

vesterly whilds. North and South Carolina North and South Carolina—Fair Tues-day and Wednesday, continued low tem-perature, brisk northwesterly winds di-minishing. Ice will form in bays and in-lets of North Carolina to-night and Tues-day.

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## MURDER CAUSED BY JEALOUSY

Story of the First Convict in the Penitentiary.

## HE KILLED HIS RIVAL

Plunged a Knife Inty His Breast at the Wedding Dance.

THEN HE CUT/HIS WAY OUT.

The Governor offered Two Hundred Pounds Reward and After a Fair Trial the Murderer Was Sentenced to Five Years' Imprisonment.

January 2nd, 1900, is the centennial of the opping of the State penitentiary, and the centennial of its occupancy by the first convict ever entered within its

The penitentiary was built in accordance with an act of the General Assembly, passed on the 15th day of January 1796. The act contained 45 sections. The 17th section required the Executive to purchase as much land as is necessary to build a jail and penitentiary house, with suitable cells, etc., sufficiently large to contain two hundred convicts.

In the 19th section the Governor by and with the consent of the Council, was allowed the sum of thirty thousand dollars, to be drawn from the public treasury from time to time as the work pro-

gressed.

In the 28th section the convicts were required to be clad in coarse material, uniform in color and make, distinguishing them "from good citizens of the Commonwealth." and were allowed only two meals per week of meat and two meals per day of "bread, Indian meal, or other inferior food."

inferior food."

It required nearly four years to erect
the building, or to complete so much of
it as was necessary to safely keep the
prisoners to be confined therein.

In December, 1789, the first convict was

sentenced in the District Court of Prince

sentenced in the District Court of Prince Edward county.

This court was composed of the counties of Amelia, Buckingham, Charlotte, Cumberland and Prince Edward, and has long since been abolished.

The jury was composed entirely of citizens of Prince Edward, and were empanelled at the old courthouse, and the prisoner tried there, which is seven miles. From its present county-seat, Farmytille.

Although the prisoner was tried and Although the prisoner was tried and convicted in December, 1729, the building was not ready for his reception until January 2nd, 1800, at which time Thomas Meriyman, of Cumberland county, entered to serve five years for the murder of Albert Jones, his successful rival.

A GENERAL MUSTER.

In those days general musters were trequent, and were held in different parts of the county. At this time a general nuster was held in a beautiful field at a blace called Talleys, five mils from the county-seat, at that time called Effingham. At that muster was a long line of militia soldiers, without guns, march d and counter marched, being commanded by counter marched, being commanded by a colonel who wore a three-cornered hat, and who was, in his own estimation, a greater military man than the Father of his Country.

What man in that old county who does not remember the time, sixty and seventy years ago, when the old drum was beat by John Minor, the fife blown by Fleming Paimore?

r Palmore?

In those happy days there were as many boys who attended the general musters as men in the ranks. Those boys musters as men in the ranks. Those boys were as anxious to join the soldiers and fight the battles of their country as the old soldiers in line, and never got enough of it until the first battle of Manassas.

Ladies in those days attended the general musters too.

eral musters too.

The day referred to was bright and beautiful. There were very few fines for non-attendance on this occasion.

The sun began to sink behind the hills. The lines were broken. Some who had drilled were tired, and made their way homeward. Others lingered to take one more a custom very common in those more, a custom very common in those days, and not altogether given up in this late day. Many who had been hon-ored with an invitation to a country wed-ding at the happy home of Farmer Min-ter, went there to pay the tribute to the

A STORY OF LOVE.

The young lady, Miss Minter, who was to be the bride of the evening, was lovely beyond description, and had many ad-mirers, among whom was young Merry-

beyond description, and had many description, among whom was young Merryman. His proposition to make her his wife was made time and again, and was each time rejected.

With a broken heart he swore she should never be the wife of any other, and left for parts unknown, but on the night of the marriage it was known that he had returned, though it was not dreamed of that he would be at the marriage on this occasion.

The officiating clergyman was the old and popular carpenter of the neighborhood (Joseph Jenkins), for whom a handsome church was built, in memory of his good name, which stands within a few hundred yards from the old Minter house.

After the old parson had performed the marriage ceremony which made Miss Minter and Mr. Jones man and wife, the sweet strains of music from the violing fold Joe Swinney having as yet not in vented the banjo) was begun, and the leader cried out partners to their places. One set had been danced and as the fidone set man need canced and as the fid-dier struck the back of the fiddle with the bow, an old time signal, the dancers took their seats.

ENRAGED WITH JEALOUSY. Just then the enraged Merryman made his appearance upon the scene. He walked up to the bride and was introduced to the groom, who was sitting by his bride.

As soon as an opportunity was pre-sented he asked the groom to walk with him and see the moon which was just rising in the cast. The two walked out, Marryman leading the way, which fed to the old corn crib where the grind-stone stood, upon which both had seen the farm hands grind the axes with which to fell the great forest about the home of Minter.

home of Minter.

Merryman had long been absent from the county but he well knew where to find the grindstone. He made a very unreasonable request of Mr. Jones, when he asked him to turn the crank while he sharpened his

knife.

The request was complied with and the blade was made very sharp, after which they returned to the house, the fiddler was rendy for the next set.

Mr. Jones sought his bride (in her home spun dress), and Mr. Merryman, having obtained the permission to dance with the beautiful Miss Talley (a consin of the bride), took position on opposite sides, when the dance begun.

MURDERED HIS RIVALL.

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MURDERED' HIS RIVAL.

As they met in the centre of the floor Merryman drew the knife (which had been made so sharp by the aid of Jones) and plunged it into his late rival in the presence of that happy throng, and split the life's blood of him who just a few moments before was so happy, and whose pathway seemed to be strewn with fragrant flowers, and whose life was to move on like the placid waters of Cashmer's sunny vale.

As Jones fell to the floor Merryman, with knife in hand red with the blood of the murdered man, cut his way to the door and leaping upon his horse, made good his escape.

Strong men fell back panic stricken, while ladies fainted and fell to the floor. The dying groans of the murdered man were never forgotten by those who were at the marriage.

at the marriage.
From that hour the daughter of the clergyman was so affected she never spoke again on subjects with which she was so familiar. The writer has seen this unfortunate woman who lived close by the old house for more than three score and ten years, but death has long since relieved her of her mental suffer-

The writer has seen the dark spot said The writer has seen the dark shot said to be the blood which was split more than a century ago.

I have often visited the hospitable home of the late Robert T. Page, whise heirs still own the estate in which the murder was committed.

was committed.

The Governor offered a reward of one hundred pounds for his arrest, and he was captured in the mountains of Virginia (now West Virginia).

He was bropeht back to Cumberland county and tried by Marshall Booker (Gentleman Justice), and by him sent on to the County court, and from there to the District court of Prince Edward. Some years since, with the aid of the late Major H. R. Hooper, who was at the time clerk of Prince Edward county. I found the names of the jury, but they have been lost and, therefore, I cannot give the names. give the names. The jury found him guilty of murde

and ascertained his punishment at five years in the State penitentiary. The records showed that he was ordered to records showed that he was ordered to be held in jail of the county for a few days, when the penitentiary house would be completed and ready for reception. So on the second day of January, 1890, Thomas Merryman, of Cumberland counwas registered at the State peniton dary, and thus ended the trial of on st brutal murders ever committed

JOHN A. BOOKER.

#### MISSISSIPPI ASSEMBLY.

Convenes at Noon To-Day-Hon, J. J. Russel Will be Made Speaker.

JACKSON, MISS., Jan. 1.-Nearly all he members of the General Assembly the members of the General Assembly have arrived in the city preparatory to the session which convenes at noon to-morrow. The election of Hon, J. J. Russell, of Lauderdale, as speaker of the Heuse, is assured, the other candidates having withdrawn from the race.

The new speaker is the general attorney of the Mobile and Ohio railroad and a lawyer of considerable preminence.

Governor McLautin's message, which

Governor McLaurin's message, which will be submitted immediately after the session of the two houses convenes, is a very lengthy document, containing nearly thirty thousand words.

## OCCUPIED

# **CABUYAO**

As the First Step in a General Southern Advance-Many Filipinos Involved in Conspiracy.

MANILA, Jan. 1.-10:30 P. M.-The first movement of a general southern advance occurred this morning when two batta-lions of the Thirty-ninth Infantry landed and occupied Cabuyao, on the south side of Liguna De Bay. Two Americans were killed and four were wounded. Twen-ty-four of the enemy's dead were found in one house. One hundred and fifty pris-

The gunboat Laguna De Bay bombard of the town before the disembarkation of the troops before the cascoes, which was made under the enemy's shrapnel fire he enemy evacuated the place before th The enemy evacuated the place before the charging Americans, retreating to Santa Resa, to which town they were pursued.

BURNED THE COUNTRY.

Heavy firing along the road to Santa Resa, which was occupied, the insurgents

retreated south toward Silands. The

and around Cabuyao.

The gunboat returned to Calamba for reinforcements and thence came to Manila to fetch ammunition. She recently cap-tured two of the enemy's stam launches, one under the fire of artillery at Calamba

and also four enscoes.

Two regiments are mobilizing to-night at San Pedro, Macati and Pasig, pre-paratory to continuing the southern ad-

Yesterday's capture of bombs involved the seizure of documents inculpating a Yesterday's capture of bomos involved the selzure of documents inculpating a thousand Filipinos who intended to rise against the Americans. Papers were also found distributing the city into districts, and a careful assignment of leaders and followers. The precautions taken by the programs, alone prevented an unrising. Americans alone prevented an uprising

Americans alone prevented an uprising. The provost marshal has requested that two more regiments be detailed for the protection of Manila. Three thousand troops are now actually in the city.

MANILA Jan. 1. \*\*Aguinaldo's wife, sisters and elahteen Filipinos have surrendered to Major \*\*parch's battallon of the Thirty-third Infantry at Bontoc, province of that name.

of that name.

Three Filipino officers also surrendere: to Major March and the Filipinos gave up two Spanish and two American prisoners.

#### LABOR TROUBLES IN FLORIDA.

Non-Union Workman Shot From Am-

bush and Logs Cut Adrift.

BAGDAD, FLA, Jan, 1.—Simpson & Company's mill refused to accept the rulings of the recent arbitration of the later troubles and gave notice that they would no longer employ Knights of

would no longer employ Knights of Labor.

Last Thursday they posted notices that they would pay ten per cent, advance to all old hands who would sever their con-nection with the knights, or to non-union men who applied at once for work.

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This moraing the mills opened with a full force of non-union men.

Late this evening one of the emyloyes was shot from ambush and wounded in the thigh. A lot of logs were also cut loose and set adrift. Serious trouble is feared.

## THE BRITONS ARE VICTORIOUS

General French Completely Defeated Boers.

#### UTTERLY SURPRISED

By a Feint In Front While Cavalry Got Around Right Flank.

BOERS FLED IN DISORDER

Leaving Colesberg in General French's Hands-British Losses Were Quite Light But the Burghers Are Thought to Have Saffered Heavily-Turner's Party Rescued.

RENSBORG, CAPE COLONY, Jan. 1 .-General French has completely defeated the Boers and occupied Colesberg.

The General continued to keep the Boers on the move and pressed them closely Saturday and Sunday, giving them no time to make a prolonged stand, and when day broke he was in striking distance of the enemy. Last night all the cavalry, artillery and infantry, the latter riding in wagons, to increase the general mobility, started upon a night march with the object of turning the Boers' right. The flank operations were suc-cessful. The infantry and field batteries immediately made a feint attack upon the Boer front, and while this was prothe Boer/ront, and while this was pro-ceeding the cavalry and light artillery got completely around the enemy's right flank, as arranged. The programme worked without a hitch. The Boers were utterly surprised and, finding their re-treat threatened fled in disorder to the eastward, leaving Colesberg in General French's hands. French's hands.

ARTILLERY OPENED.

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LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Daily Mail has
the following dispatch dated January 1st,
from Rensburg:
"Yesterday afternoon a big force of
cavalry and infantry with ten guns, under the personal command of General
French, moving by detour, occupied some
hills three miles from Colersberg, where
the Boers were in strength, confident in
the natural aid afforded them by the hills
around.

"The enemy's position extended six miles around the entire village. At day-break our artillery opened the battle. The Boers were taken by surprise, but replied vigorously. An artillery duel was maintained for two hours. Then a Boer Marketskie collared and was whended. Hotchkiss collapsed and was abandoned. We captured it. A Boer big gun was silenced, but this and the other Boer guns

lenced, but this and the other Boer guns were withdrawr to the northward whither we are harassing the Boer retreat by a damaging shell fire.

"Colesberg' is in our hands and the few remaining Loyalists are jubilant. We have captured many wagons and a considerable quantity of stores.

"Our losses were quite slight, but the Boers must have suffered heavily. They may stop at Achtertang or cross the river altogether at Norvalspout, where the bridge is still intact."

TURNER'S PARTY RESCUED.

LONDON, Jan. L.—Captain Montmorency's sortie, near Dordrecht, with a patrol of 120 men of the Twenty-first Lancers, and his retreat, December 30th, were followed up the next day by a successful lowed up the next day by a successful British engagement and the rescue of a small party, supposed to be men Captain Montmorency left behind him. Under Captain Goldsworthy, a force of

Under Capitain Goldsworthy, a force of 110 men, with four guns, accompanied by Capitain Montmorency's scouts, salled out of Dordrecht during the morning of December 31st to relieve Lieutenant Turner, and 27 men left overnight at Labnschagn's Nek. The Boers were driven back, and Lieutenant Turner's party was rescued, Eight Boers and thirteen horses are known to have been killed.

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The Times, in its second edition, publishes a dispatch from Sterkstroom, dated

lishes a dispatch from Sterkstroom, dated December 31st. which says:
"Captain Montmoreney's scouts were cut off, owing to their refusal to leave a wounded officer, Lieutenant Warren, of Brabant's Horse. These men, under Lieutenants Milford and Turner, of the Frontier Mounted Rifles, defended themselves most gallantly against the repeated attacks of some eight hundred Boers, The enemy resorted to 'sniplng' during the night, but were repulsed with loss. attacks of some eight of 'sniping' during the enemy resorted to 'sniping' during the night, but were repulsed with loss.

"At 5:15 this morning, Captain Golds-worthy, with the Cape Mounted Riffes, arrived, and the enemy immediately fled arrived, and the enemy immediately fled to the hills, Turner's party, whose horses had nearly all been killed, were rescued. They displayed splendid pluck, and the brilliant manner in which Captain Goldworthy effected their relief on his own responsibility, is deserving of the highest praise. Our loss was two men wounded. The Boers lost about thirty men, including eight men killed."

Another account says:

Another account says: "The success of this little party will arrest the progress of the enemy's recruit-

arrest the progress of the enemy's rectulting in that vicinity."

A dispatch from the Modder River says:
"December 31.—The naval guns planted a few excellent shells without reply. The enemy's opposition on the left is, apparently, considerably weakened." PRESERVE NEUTRALITY.

LONDON, Jan. 1.—The Lisbon corres-pondent of the Standard says:
"It is currently reported that the speech of King Carlos, in the Cortes to-morrow (Tuesday), will refer at some length to the situation in South Africa, but it is doubtful whether anything will be said more friendly to England than to the

more friendly to England than to the Transvaal.
"The public is with the Boers, and the papers generally fear British designs upon Delagoa Bay. The Portuguese govern-ment asserts that it has done everything

to preserve neutrality."

DURBAN, Jan. 1.—The Imperial mail DURBAN, Jan. 1.—The Imperial mail steamer Bundesrath, of the German East African Line, which was seized by the British cruiser Magicienne, on the ground that she was carrying contraband of war, in Delagoa Bay, has been brought to the wharf here, and is now guarded by marines and blue jackets.

The United States, German, Russian and Austria military attaches, who spent the bolidays in Durban, returned to the front this evening.

The White Star Line Steamship Majestic, which left Liverpool December 13th with 2,000 troops, arrived here to-day.

UNLY RUMORS.

UGLY RUMORS.

CAPE TOWN, Jan 1.—Ugly rumors are in circulation of a Dutch rising with the object of seizing Cape Town and the docks and capturing the Governor of Cape Coloney, Sir Alfred Milner. The

Town, where a meeting of the Afrikander bund was held yesterday.

A similar meeting was held at Richmond on December 28th, and it is reported that the members of the bund in these two towns are acting in concert.

The members of the bund in Willington and the Dutch in Clanwilliam district, are said to be armed with Mausers and to be anxious to use them in behalf of the Boers.

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Although the storids of a rising are discredited, the police and military are taking ample precautions.

DIFFICULTIES INCREASED.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—The Standard correspondent at Frere Camp, telegraphing on January 1, says:

"Sir Charles Warren's division is now nearly complete. Its headquarters will be at Esteourt. It is rumored here that the guns which were captured from General Buller, at Colenso, have been mounted in the hills commanding the drift over that Tugela river, at Springfield. The Boers, it appears, captured six hundred and twenty rounds of shrapnel when they took the guns.

took the guns.
"General Buller's difficulties have been immeasurably increased by the enforced delay since the last engagment. He now has before him a series of walled and first that the support of the fortified hills, running sixteen miles along the line of the Tugela. These are swarmthe line of the Tugeja. These are swarming with the enemy, posted in positions of great strength and bristling with guns; while the river ing, out is in full flood. The coming battle will certainly be the stiffest and probably the most momentous of the entire campaign."

LONDON, Jan. 1.—Alleged Boer spies, it has been discovered, have enlisted in the Yeomanry. A report of Lord Chesham, who is in command of the Yeomanry forces, says that the officials of this arm of the service are being pestered by agents

forces, says that the officials of this arm of the service are being pestered by agents of Dr. Ledys, the European plenipotentiary of South African republics. He adds that two of them were actually accepted, but that they were afterwards discovered. He declares that the same thing occurred in Thornycroft's Horse, seven spies being discovered in that body. He says, continuing:

"We have given word to all our com-manding officers to beep a sharp lookout

"We have given word to all our commanding officers to been a sharp lookout for traitors."

No steps have been taken thus far to punish the alleged spies.

A RAY OF LIGHT.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—4:30 A. M.—The success of General French in driving the Boers from Colesberg has shot a welcome ray of light through the glocm of the campaign in South Africa. Everywhere it is commented upon as an example of sound tactics and as an illustration of what may be done when the right methods are employed with the Boers. The government is urged to take the lesson to heart and to see that no stone is left unturned in the endeavor o get the largest possible forces of cavalry and mounted infantry to the front.

Now that General French has the Boers on the run, the hope is expressed that he will give them no rest, but will harrass them until they have found their way across the Orange river, which is twelve

across the Orange river, which is twelve miles distant. The old wagon route to the Free State traverses Colesburg and crossos the river by a fine bridge, 1,435 feet long. It is believed that the Boers etreated towards Norval's Point, further east and the question is whether Gen-eral French will be able to secure these wo bridges before the Boers destroy

them.

One important effect of the success of General French is that it will probably have a deterrent intence upon Dutch disaffection. There is come disposition here to exaggerate the importance of small skirmishes and engagements.

VIRTUALLY UNCHANGED.

It should be borne in mind that General French has only 2,000 men and so far as the important points of campaign are concerned, the situation is virtually unchanged.

nged. Modder river the Boers appear to be

At Modder river the Boers appear to be modifying somewheat their line of dedence. General Buller's scouts have discovered a Boer camp established in the vicinity of Springfeld, southwest of Colenso, by a Free State commando. A similar movement has been made at Mod

der river.

A large force of Boers, it is reported, has formed a new Laager about fifteen miles down the stream at Kameelhoek.

Hellograph messages from Ladysmith show that all was well on December 31st, The bombardment was being continued, but its intensity had relaxed.

#### ORGANIZED BOTH HOUSES.

Goebel was Nominaled President Pro-

Tem. of Strate. KY Jan 1 .- All doubt as to ability of Goebel Democrats to or-ganize both houses of the Legislature was dispelled by the attendance in the Demo-ratic caucus to-night. Senator Goebel was nominated for president pro tem of the Senate, and the entire Goebel slate went through. In the House caucus all of the 53 Democrats answered to the roll-call and participated.

call and participated.

In the Senate four Democrats remained out. They were Senators Alexander, Hays, Gillespie and Roberts. Senator Hill was sick and absent, but he is not classed with the dissenters.

In the Senate caucus Senator Harold Constitution by waking an allegation by waking an allegation.

created a sensation by making an alleged exposure of the anti-Goebel leaders, declaring that he had been approached by J. H. Wallen, of Louisville, and paid \$4,500 to remain out of the caucus. The money, he said, had been placed in a box with the Louisville Trust Company, the key to which he had sent up to Senator Goebel, who was presiding over the caucus, ending his speech by declaring that he had entered into the deal for the purpose of exposing Wellen and further eged exposure of the anti-Goebel leaders of exposing Wallen and further

purpose of exposing Wallen and further that there was not money enough in the world to make him disloyal to his party and his State.

Attorneys for Goebel and other contesting Democratic candidates today served notice upon the Republican contestees to take depositions to be used as evidence in the pending contest cases and naming their witnesses.

cases and naming their witnesses.

The Republicans decided to-night to hold a conference to-morrow and nomi nvo jo ejvis uvojianden jusivis v ejvu didates. The anti-Goebel leaders say he large attendance at the Democratic aucus to-night does not indicate and thing as to the gubernatorial contest or the Senatorship, as in the Senate the Goebel men and the anti-Goebel men entered into a deal regarding division of the offices in that branch. South Trimble, of Franklin county, was nominated for Speaker of the House, on the thirteenth ballot.

Died From Natural Causes, SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 1.—Mike Bourke (white), who was arrested last night on the order of the coroner, on the charge of naving choked his aged mother to death, released from custody this morning

was released from custody this morning upon the verdict of the coroner's jury, exonerating him.

It was found that the old woman had died suddenly from natural causes, and that her body falling had lacerated the face and throat, which aroused suspicion of four play.

Gives \$300,000 to Cooper Union. NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Andrew Carnegle has given \$30,000 to Cooper Union for the establishment of a day school, similar in scope to the present night school, and the object of which will be to give such practical instruction as shall enable youngen to become first-class and skilled workmen

# PRESIDENT'S

Brilliant New Year Function at White House.

SEVERAL THOUSAND

Were Present and Paid Their Respects to Chief Executive.

THE FULL DIPLOMATIC CORPS.

Duke D'Arcos, the New Spanish Min Ister, Attracted a Great Deal of Attention-Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay Entertained the Diplomatic Corps at

Breakfast.

on in Washington was ushered in to-day with a brilliant New-Year's reception at the White House, at which the President and Mrs. McKinley received the congratulations and well-wishes of several thousands of people, including the representa-tives of foreign governments, jurists

statesmen, officers of the army and navy,

and others eminent in the social and political life of the capital. A review of the whole winter calendar up to date could hardly have found a day up to date could hardly have found a day better fitted for the New-Year function. The snow that had grown a trille grimy during the past week had been covered overnight with a fresh fall, scarcely an inch in depth. The sun was bright, but the air was crisp and frosty, too coid for the snow to melt and spoil the holiday setting of the parks and lawns. At an early hour the streets beyond the White House grounds began to fill with the crowd that surged back and forth eager for a place in the public line that was to follow the reception of the various sections of the day's pageant.

THE DECORATIONS.

The decorations of the Executive Man-

THE DECORATIONS.

The decorations of the Executive Mansion were not as elaborate this year as they have been on some former occasions, still there was a profusion of palms, fern, smilax, holly and other greens everywhere through the State dining-room, the Biue, Red and Green pariors and the East room. The light of the brilliant winter day was excluded, and the rooms flooded with electric lights from thousands of tiny bulbs in ceiling and sparkling chandeliers, adding to the brilliancy of the decorations. The glittering gold and sliver traonings of the members of the diplomatic corps and the full-dress uniforms of the army and navy contrasted strongly with the modest black of the jurists, statesmen and civilian officials of the Government as they moved through the mazy throng.

The President and Mrs. McKinley received in the Blue parior, assisted by the members of the Cabinet and their wives, and "behind the line" were about fifty of the wives and doughters of senators, representatives, prominent army and navy officers and others high in social and official circles. The full Marine Baad, in their red uniforms, were stationed at the head of the corridor opposite the State duning-room, and throughout the reception played patriotic airs.

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The President and Mrs. McKinley met the members of the Cabinet in the west corridor, on the second floor, shortly before 11 o'clock, while the members of the diplomatic corps, in their brilliant court dress, were gathering in the State diningroom, adjoining the Red parior. Promptly at 11 o'clock the bugier sounded the assembly, and the red-conted Marine Band struck up the strains "Hail to the Chief." To this accompaniment the procession, headed by President McKinley and Mrs. McKinley, moved down the broad stairway and took their places in the Blue parior, adjoining the Red parior. Mrs. McKinley wore an elaborate gown of brocaded white satin. Owing to her feeble health she received seated. Next to her stood Mrs. Hay, wife of the Secretary of the State: Mrs. Gage, wife of Secretary of the State: Mrs. Gage, wife of Secretary of War; Mrs. Griges, Wife of Agriculture, and Mrs. Wilson, daughter of Secretary of Agriculture, and Mrs. Wilson, daughter of Secretary of Agriculture, and Mrs. Wilson, daughter of Secretary of Agriculture, and masser-General; Mrs. Long, Mrs. Hitchcock, wife of Secretary of Agriculture, and Mrs. Wilson, daughter of Secretary of Agriculture, and masser-General; Mrs. Long, Mrs. Hitchcock, wife of Secretary of Agriculture, and daughters of senators and representatives and other distinguished officials who had been invited to assist.

THE DUKE D'ARCOS.

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As soon as all had taken their places the doors of the Red parlor were thrown open, and the ambassadors and ministers of foreign governments and their sultes, resolendant in their full court dress, headed by Lord Pauncefote, the British Ambassador, the dean of the diplomatic corps, moved into the Blue parlor to pay their respects to the President and Mrs. McKinley and the receiving party. Especial interest centered in the appearance of the Duke D'Arcos, the Spanish Mulster, and his beautiful American wife. It was the first White House reception at which Spain has been represented size the close of hostilities, and the greetings accorded them were especially cordial. Following the diplomatic corps came Chief Justice Fuller and the associate justices of the Supreme Court, and other members of the Gabinet. At 11:25 the senators, representatives and delexates, members of the district judiciary appeared in the order named. Following this flight of statesmen and civil officers came the officers of the army and navy in their full-dress uniforms, massive golden epaules and gold-embroidered chapeaus. Various other officials followed, and at 12 o'clock the general public was admitted.

The Secretary of State and Mrs. Hay entertained the inembers of the diplomatic corps at breakfast at noon, at their handsome residence on Lafayette Square. It was a repetition of the brilliancy attending the presence of the diplomatic representatives at the White House.

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Ing the day.

The Admiral of the navy and Mrs
Dewey received a large number of callers

They Invade Charleston, S. C., and the Keys Are Turned Over to them,

THE GRIDIRON CLUB.

served on the bridge as the boat moved away from the pier, and marines armed with cutlasses swarmed around the forecastle. A short distance out the watch sighted the Maria Teresa, and, after a chase the Spaniar. hove to, and the crew and a "bind tiger" capiured.

On the liste of Palms the party enjoyed a lunch and some music—chin, brass and string. To vary the monotony, a lynching bee, realistic but not fatal, was pulled off: an up-to-date cake-walk, with genuine darkles on the floor, and a presentation, by which the club obtained a mascot, in the shape of a fawn, all happened as fast as the way could be cleared.

To-night, in the banquet hall of the Charleston Hotel, made as beautiful as a fairy palace with palms, llowers and drapery, and little bits of incandescents, which formed an immense flaming gridiron, the club was entertained by about one hundred of the leading citizens.

Among the novelties introduced was the music, (?) of the Jenkins Pickaninny Hand and its arrest by a squad of impromptut cops. There were speeches without number, but few without point. Mr. J. C. Hemphill, of the News and Courier; Mayor J. Alger Smythe, Mr. N. S. Hill, Jr., of the Consolidated; Mr. J. W. Redding and Captain F. W. Wagener, of the Pine Forest Inn. were invested with the Order of the Gridiron. Several selections were given by the Gridiron Reveral selections were given by the Gridironers will be the weets of Captain Wagener and Manager

across-the-time this, and was given weighted times three.

To-morrow the Gridironers will be the guests of Captain Wagener and Manager Jameson, at the Pine Forest Inn, Sum-merville, leaving for Washington to-mor-row afternoon.

AUGUSTA AND SAVANNAH,

Annual Meeting Held and Directors

SAVANNAH, GA., Jan. 1.-The meeting of the Augusta and Savannah railroad was held here to-day. The road extends from Augusta to Millen. It is leased to the Central of Georgia railway.

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The following Board of Directors was elected: J. D. Weed, F. H. Miller, W. M. Thomas, A. R. Lawton, George J. Mills, F. S. Lathrop, and H. H. Hull.

Mr. J. D. Weed was re-elected president; Mr. Frank H. Miller, vice-president, and Mr. H. H. Hull, secretary.

RICHARD CROKER HURT.

Slipped While Mounting a Horse and Broke His Leg. Broke His Leg.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—A special dispatch from Wantago, county of Berks, says that Richard Croker, who has been staying at a country house near there, slipped while mounting a horse, owing to the animal's turning, and broke his leg. Mr. Croker is being attended by Dr. Emerson, who has reduced the fracture. He is now resting easily.

The accident occurred yesterday (Monday) morning.

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WASHINGTON, Jan 1.—General Edwin
S. Osborne, a representative from Pennsylvania in the Forty-ninth, Flitieth and
Flity-first Congresses, died here to-night
of heart disease.
At the conclusion of the war General
Osborne was appointed judge-advocate to
investigate charges of crueity to Federal
prisoners brought against Captain Wirtz.
Confederate superintendent of the Andersonville prison, the result of which was
the hanging of Wirtz.

For Relief of Mrs. Maybrick. For Relief of Mrs, Maybrick, NEW YORK, Jan, 1.—A letter from Lady Randolph Churchill has been received by Mrs. Caroline J. Taylor, chairman of the Woman's Com.—ee of Physological Section of the Medico-Legal Society, in which she says the only rational way to base a petition for the relief of Mrs. Maybrick is not on the plea that she is innocent, but even if she is guilty, she has been punished enough.

Four Persons Burned to Death. BARBOURSVILLE, W. VA., Jan. 1.— William Ellis, wife and two children, were burned to death in their home near here early to-day. No one knows the origin of the fire.

## THE EMPEROR'S NEW YEAR SPEECH

Makes a Patriotic Address to the Officers of the Garrison at the New Year's Parade.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—Emperor William, at the New Year's parade to-day, addressed the officers of the garrison as follows:

"The first day of the new century sees our army, in other words, our people, in arms, gathered around their standards, kneeling before the Lord of Hosts, and, verily if any one has especial reason this day for bowing down before, God it is our army. A glance at our standards suffices as an explanation, for they are the embodiment of our history.

"In what condition did the past century, at its dawn, find our army? The

tury, at its dawn, find our army? The glorious, army of Frederick the Great had glorious, army of Frederick the Great had slept upon its laurels, fossilized amid all the petty details of pipe clay, led by superannuated and insufficient generals, with officers unaccustomed to useful work and lost in debauch, luxury and foolish arrogance, our army, in a word, was not equal to its mission, which, indeed, it had forgotten. Form and life were given it by my great-grandfather; new laurels crowned the newly-created army and its youthful banners, but universally military youthful banners, but universally military service only attained its true signifiservice only attained its true signifi-cance through our great departed Em-peror. In his quiet work he evolved the re-organization of our army, in spite of opposition and ignorance. He brought the German races together, and gave us back long desired German unity. It is to him that our thanks are due, and by the help of that army the German Empire, commanding respect, has again assumed the position assigned to it in the council of nations.

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SIMPLICITY AND MODESTY.

"It is for you, gentlemen, to preserve and employ in the new century the old qualities by which our forefathers made the army great-namely, simplicity and modesty in daily life, anconditional devoltion to the Royal service, the employment of one's whole strength of body and mind in the ceaseless work of training and developing our troops; and, even as my grandfather labored for his army, so will I, in like manner unerringly carry on and carry through the work of reorganizing my navy, in order that it may be justified in-standing by the side of my land forces, and that by it the German Empire may Keys Are Turned Over to them.

CHARLESTON, S. C. Jan. 1.—The famous Gridiron Club, of Washington, D. C., arrived in Charleston this morning on a Southern special, and was met at the depot by Mayor Smythe, Mr. J. C. Hemphill, editor of the News and Courier, and large committee of citizen's and newspaper men. A salute was properly 'fired,' and the keys of the city were turned over to the visitors. The keys were represented in wood, each about three feet long.

After an informal, but not the less folly, breakfast at the Charleston Hotel, a short trolley ride was taken around the city. At II o'clock guests and hosts emharked for the Isle of Palms on a steamer which bore the significant name of "Brooklyn" and bore a large rapid-fire gun forward. Admiral Schley was ob-

### RICHMOND LADY WAS ASSAULTED

Young Negro Threw Her Down and Beat Her.

SCREAMED FOR HELP.

Another Colored Man Heard Her and Ran to the Rescue.

ASSAILANT HAD DISAPPEARED.

The Scene of the Assault Was Near Bon Air, and Station-Agent C. G.

Whitehurst Soon Had the Ne-He was Tried and Sent to the Grand Jury.

An assault was made upon Mrs. Martha J. Colquitt, of No. 616 east Cary street by a young negro supposed to be David Perkins, near Eon Air, yesterday afternoon about 1:20 o'clock.

Mrs. Colquitt, who is a widow, about thirty years old, and has four little children at Bethany Home, left Richmond yesterday on the noon train over the Southern road, to visit her children, carrying with her a large basket filled with a few presents and eatables for her little ones.

Upon reaching Bon Air station she left the train and started walking back down the track a distance of about two miles to Bethany Home. She had gone pos-sibly half the distance when she met a young negre, who stopped her, with some remarks about carrying her basket. To this remark she made no reply.

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The negro then stopped her by laying his hand on her shoulder. She says: he then made some insulting remarks and a souffle ensued in which Mrs. Colquitt says she does not know whether she fell or was thrown by the negro. She Screamall for help, and says the negro struck he in the face and told her he would knock her breits out if she says an altern her brains out if she gave an alarm. SCREAMS WERE HEARD. The screams were heard by an old negro-man who was cutting wood near the place. He being lame, sent his son to the rescue. When he reached the spat it seems Perkins had disappeared. Mrs. Colquitt had gotten her belongings to-gether and he accompanied her to Beth-any Hone where, she fold her story to

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any Home where she told her story to the Steward at the Home.

Her face was swollen where the negro-had struck her and appeared otherwise as having been roughly used.

Mr. C. G. Whitworth, station agent, Postmaster and Special Policeman at Bon Air, was immediately informed of the ossault and took quick action. He found assault, and took quick action. He found Harry Mosley (colored) the track walker Harry Mosley (colored) the track walker for the Sonthern road at Bon Air, and from him learned that the only persons seen on the road in the past hour or more had been Mrs. Colquitt and a yellow negro, but he did not know his name. Mr. Whitworth detailed several citizens, and all the negroes in the community were gotten together, and Mosley was made to pick the negro he saw on the railroad. He at once pointed cut Perkins.

Perkins. ASSAILANT IDENTIFIED.
Several negroes, Perkins in the lot,
were taken to Bethany Home for Mrs.
Colquitt to identify the one. She without

hesitation singled out Perkins. hesitation singled out Perkins.

He was taken at once before Justice G. W. Longest for trial, Mrs. Colquitt and Harry Mosley, appearing as witnesses. He was sent on to the grand jury, and for safe keeping was taken to Manchester last night by Mr. Whitworth and turned over to Officer Wright.

He will be taken to-day to Chesterfield county jall, and it is more than probable a special grand jury will be empeaned.

a special grand jury will be empanelled at once for the trial. Judge Clopton spoke last night as though such a course would be pursued. spoke last night as though stores course would be pursued.

Mrs. Colquitt is a young woman and very good looking.

Eavid Perkins is a rather small, half white negro and looks to be about eightteen years old. When arrested he was at his home and offered no resistance. He his home and offered no resistance. He does not deny seeing the woman and talking with her, but says he only asked to carry her basket to Bethany Home. There was little excitement at Bon Air, but it was thought best to get the negroout of the community.

Poison Suspected.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Jan. I.—During the past week there have been eight sudden deaths of prime young negroes from Lady's Island, in the vicinity of the Central Phosphate Works, Beaufort county, this State. There are suspicions that the whiskey they used was either tampered with or not chemically pure. The eighth man, the mail carrier of the tompany, died today.

#### SUMMARY OF TO-DAY'S NEWS.

-Judge Goff sustains the city in the telephone case.
-Meeting of the Board of Fire Com-

Local.

Story of the first convict sent to the State penitentiary.

-Cit: Council meeting.

-Richmond woman assaulted near Bon

-Junius Robinson to hang at Peters-burg to-day. -Fine residence destroyed by fire near Scottsville. -Rumor that senators' visit to New-port News connected with proposed pur-chase of ship-yard by United States Gov-

-Man frozen to death in Newport —Man trozen to define arrested in Isle
of Wight county, coincident with the
charge of the nurder of C. B. Turner.
—Powder magazine burned near Cul-

peper.

Democrats organize both houses of Kentucky Legislature.

—President and Mrs. McKinley hold.

New-Year's reception.

—McCoy knocked Maher out in afth.

General.

round.

—Democratic cancus in Kentucky will to night nominate Biackburn for United States Senate by acclamation. Foreign.

General French completely defeated Boers by a flank movement and occupied Colesberz.

Licutemant Turner and party rescued.

Richard Croker slipped while adunting a horse and broke his leg.

American troops occupy Cahuyao in general advance south.

center of the movement is said to be Paarl, a village about thirty miles from Cape